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Question-The strategy seems a little disjoint from having 2-4 year milestones. **Response**-The document currently has 21 long-term research priorities. However, we also wanted to focus on what we can do for rapid progress and what could be done to encourage OMB on additional funding, which led to the development of the near-term priorities.

Question-The words used in the briefing, such as transformational, forecasting, societal benefits, are very similar to those used for NEON. Where's the integration or connection between this effort and NEON?

Response-Many of the questions for NEON are similar to those for the ocean observing system.

-One of the differences between IOOS and NEON is that IOOS is an interagency, agreed-upon way forward, while NEON is a research entity. There is coordination between the OOI and NEON.

Question-Has there been an effort to cultivate the NGOs?

Response-NGOs were invited to participate in the workshop in Denver.

-There is a strategic interest in having collaboration with NGOs. For example, if the Census of Marine Life feels divorced from the process, there isn't leverage to encourage additional participation.

Question-Among the co-chairs, we see both NSF and NOAA, but what about NASA? **Response**-NASA is an active member of the JSOST. Jack Kaye is a member; Paula Bontempi also participates.

- -NASA and NSF both insisted on the basic research section in the document.
- -NASA also has a strong interest in the targeted deployment of IOOS. For example, Paula discussed the need for sensors for ocean observing (e.g., ocean color measurements for sophisticated use).
- -All of the agencies have strong participation in the process. For example, DOT has an interest in Arctic issues with ice-free shipping and State has an interest in the EEZ and outer continental shelf and mapping.